

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/587,668 Confirmation No. 8446  
Applicant : Tao Chen  
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Art Unit : 2617  
Examiner : Jaime Michele Holliday  
Docket No. : 000245  
Customer No. : 23696

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Non-final Office Action dated December 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.